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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, Area Divisions**

**SUBJECT: Survey of Commercial Proprietary Projects**

1. Preliminary responses to the questionnaire on the status of commercial proprietary projects forwarded with my memorandum of 17 September 1953, have indicated in certain instances inadequate attention to the business affairs of the cover mechanism. In some cases this inattentiveness cannot be attributed to overriding operational considerations. The question arises as to whether and how improvements may be effected.

2. In this connection we would like to obtain your reaction to the following question:

"To what extent would your Division be willing to delegate to the Commercial Division the responsibility, and necessary concomitant authority, to conduct the business affairs of presently existing or prospective commercial proprietaries under your jurisdiction."

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3. [REDACTED] of my staff will call you shortly after you have received this memorandum to arrange a mutually agreeable time for discussion with you of the considerations suggested by the foregoing question.

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[REDACTED]  
Chief, Inspection and Review

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